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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 8-123320, published May 17, 1996.

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-265398, published September 28, 1999.

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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-96451, published April 9, 1999.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-79711, published March 24, 1998.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-65434, published March 5, 1999.
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-272685, published October 8, 1999.
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-285053, published October 15, 1999.
8. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-500874, January 19, 1999.

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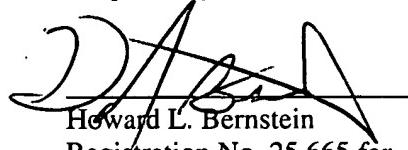
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Note (For cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature)

(Regarding Claims 1 through 12) Cited Literature 1 through 3

Cited Literature 1 describes a portable information display device which receives real time information related to areas displayed on a map (regional department store and supermarket sale information, etc.) in a specific format via FM multiplexed transmission, determines if the information is related to the area being displayed on the map, stores only related information in memory and displays it on the map. In Cited Literature 1, it is furthermore described that this can also be employed for navigation by adding a positioning device employing GPS and displaying the current location on the display.

Cited Literature 2 describes an information provision system which selects advertised event information and provides it to users based on the location of the user terminal, the current date and time, and the user's personal information.

Cited Literature 3 describes an advertisement output device that computes the output priority and determines the output sequence when outputting advertisement information.

If any reasons for rejection are newly discovered, a Notice of Reasons for Rejection will be issued.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H08-123320
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-265398
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-096451

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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